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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/653,563

Examiner Small:

Per our conversation earlier today, attached please find the Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application.

Sincerely,

D. Gregory Donner

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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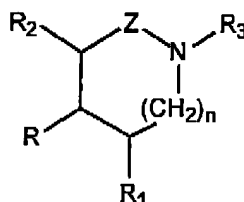
Before examination on the merits, kindly enter this amendment and reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-20 and 22-156.

Please replace claims 1, 21, and 157-160 with the correspondingly numbered claims.

1 (Amended). A compound of the formula:



wherein

Z is -C(R₁₈)(R₁₉)- wherein R₁₈ and R₁₉ are hydrogen;